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Church Worker Who Turned Thiet Held in \$3,500 Bail

WEATHER—Snow Probable To-Night and Saturday.

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JEKYLL-HYDE CHOIR SINGER, ARMED AND MASKED, FOILED BY A WOMAN WITH JIU JITSU

George W. Acker, Church
Worker, Pleads Guilty and Is
Held in \$3,500 Bail.

BLAMES IT ON "MOVIES."

Chance Remark of Husband
Caused Mrs. Rose to Be-
come Expert in Jiu Jitsu.

George W. Acker, a dark-haired youth, a Sunday school teacher and choir singer in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, No. 223 East One Hundred and Eighteenth street on Sunday, and a robber of women when his church work didn't claim him, was held to-day by Magistrate Levy in the Morrisania Court in \$3,500 bail on his plea of guilty to the charge that he had attacked and tried to rob Mrs. Charles Rose.

But first Acker was placed in line with ten or a dozen men picked at random from the spectators in the court-room. Half a dozen men and women who had been robbed recently by a slender, dark-complexioned youth gazed at the line, but they failed to pick out Acker as their assailant.

Their failure seemed to give the young man courage. Last night he had confessed that he had committed many robberies like the one he attempted in the Rose home. To-day he suddenly changed the story and declared that Mrs. Rose was the only person he had attacked. He had been panic-stricken and almost collapsed last night.

SLAMMED HIS DOWNFALL ON THE MOVIES.

"The movies drove me to it," he exclaimed at that time. "They showed me just how to get into a flat and how to subdue a woman, but they didn't show me how the robber might be caught. I'd done it many times and I'd never had any trouble until Tuesday."

When he wasn't carolling sweetly in church young Acker occasionally sang in a moving picture house. He made another revelation which showed he wasn't the model youth his pastor and others had thought him. He admitted that several years ago his grandmother had had him sent for three months to the reformatory for striking his younger sister. But until Tuesday Acker's true character was never threatened with disclosure.

It was then he tried to frighten Mrs. Rose, who lives on the third floor of No. 354 Cypress avenue, the Bronx, into giving him her money. He didn't know that a chance remark of her husband's a month ago, had started the athletic and prepossessing young woman

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Tobogganing Up Hill!

It seems strange to slide up hill instead of down, but that is virtually what The World has been doing, running up and far beyond striking distance of all competitors as an advertising medium.

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WORLD ADS.
LAST SUNDAY

24,978
WORLD ADS.
LAST WEEK

103,270
WORLD ADS.
LAST MONTH

1,399
More Than The
Sunday Herald

11,603
MORE THAN
THE HERALD

49,174
MORE THAN
THE HERALD

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MISS HELEN GAYNOR, WHOSE ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY



MISS HELEN GAYNOR

MISS HELEN GAYNOR ENGAGED TO MARRY EDWARD BEDFORD, II.

No Date Set for Wedding of
Daughter of Late
Mayor.

The engagement of Miss Helen Gaynor, third daughter of the late Mayor, to Edward Thomas Bedford II, son of F. H. Bedford of the Corn Products Refining Company, was announced to-day by Mrs. Gaynor.

Since last December there had been repeated reports of this engagement, but its existence was denied by Mrs. Gaynor. The date for the wedding has not yet been chosen.

Miss Helen Gaynor, who is nineteen years old, is an accomplished motorist, and her skill in the saddle has attracted much attention at the Smith-ton horse shows.

Early this month she acted as sponsor for the municipal ferryboat named for her father which was launched at Camden. Her younger sister, Marion, was married on Jan. 28 to Ralph Heyward Isahm when she was within three months of being seventeen.

E. T. Bedford II is the grandson of Edward Thomas Bedford, former vice-president of the Standard Oil Company. He resigned from that corporation to become president of the Corn Products Refining Company and of the Bedford Oil Company of France. He is also in the directorates of several other large companies. The Bedford home, No. 193 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, is one of the handsomest in that part of the city.

When Miss Gaynor was asked by telephone this morning how long she had really been engaged to Mr. Bedford she replied with a winsome laugh:

"Since this morning!"

TRAIN ROBBERS SEIZE \$40,000 IN REGISTERED MAIL

Rip Open Four Sacks, Hav-
ing Overlooked One Con-
taining \$10,000.

STABBED CHIEF CLERK.

Passenger and Express Cars
Not Molested—Bloodhounds
Fail to Take Trail.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 20.—Railway detectives and police with bloodhounds early to-day began a search for three robbers who last night held up the Queen and Crescent's south-bound "New Orleans Limited," twelve miles north of Birmingham, and rifled mail pouches of registered mail said to contain more than \$40,000. Just how much was taken, it was said, would not be known until Post Office authorities had checked up. The robbers overlooked a sack containing \$10,000 consigned to New Orleans and a big consignment of stamps.

The fast train, crowded with passengers on their way to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, had just left Atlanta, Ala., when B. J. Murphy, the engine-man, heard the command:

"Throw up your hands."

He turned to find a masked man standing in the locomotive cab with a revolver leveled at his head. Two other men were climbing down the coal in the tender. The first robber took hold of the locomotive throttle and stopped the train while his companions guarded engine-man and fireman.

When the train came to a halt the robbers forced Murphy and his fireman to uncouple the locomotive and mail car from the express and passenger coaches and, bidding them stay by the rest of the train, opened the throttle and sped away.

Two miles down the track the robbers again stopped and went back to the mail car. Realizing a robbery was planned, the five clerks had extinguished the lights and locked the doors. They opened the door, however, when threats to dynamite the car were made.

"Who's the chief clerk?" the leader asked.

"I am," replied A. B. McViville.

"Well, let's have the registered mail, and be quick about it," was the order.

The bandit leader's companions forced McViville's assistants to leave the car. McViville was slow in complying with the order to turn over the registered mail and one of the robbers stabbed him in the shoulder.

The robbers set about their task, whistling as they ripped open the sacks. One took the registered account book and checked over the parcels while the others worked.

Having, as they thought, obtained all the registered mail, the robbers wished McViville "Good luck," and after cutting the mail car from the locomotive, climbed aboard and were off.

The locomotive was abandoned near Birmingham, and at this point officers started the bloodhounds.

TANGO A "FINE MEDICINE."

Boston Instructor Tells Three of Its Benefits.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 20.—The tango is "fine medicine," declared James F. Winston, Municipal Physical Instructor, and he outlined its advantages as follows:

It is a physiological tonic. It has restored youth to gray-haired men and slimmest to over-stout women. It exerts a salutary effect upon the lungs, stomach and liver, stirring the sluggish blood to circulation and reviving the tissues.

MRS. DELRICHS WON \$4,000?

Took Largest Sum in Night's Game at Bridge, Palm Beach Hears.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Hermann Delrichs of New York to-day was credited with having won \$4,000 in one night at bridge and to be the heaviest winner among the women here. On another night she took away \$700 and \$600 on another occasion.

FIREMEN HURLED DOWN STAIRS BY BLAST OF FLAME

"Water Arch" Saves Men
Fighting Flames From Fire-
Escape Landing.

36 FAMILIES ROUTED.

Mills Hotel Lodgers Roused
by Fire, but Ordered
Back by Police.

Snow, ice and flame combined to give firemen a hard battle when the upper floors of a five-story loft building and stable at No. 209 Sullivan street were burned to-day.

Thirty-six families in adjoining tenements were herded into the street by the police; Capt. P. Murphy and eight men from Engine Company 10 were blown down a light of stairs by backdraught; a man suffering from pneumonia was carried out by a policeman, and sixteen hundred guests in a Mills Hotel around the corner were aroused by the blast. The loss will exceed \$15,000.

No one learned what caused the fire, which had a good start on the fourth floor, occupied by the Paradise Paper Box Co., when discovered by Patrolman Schaefer and Sgt. Kane of the Macdougall street station.

Two alarms were given and three engines got into action after a fierce struggle with ice-covered snow banks. Chief Kenlon directed the fight.

BACKDRAUGHT MENACES MEN OF TWO COMPANIES.

Capt. Roxbury of Engine No. 30, with eight pipemen, dragged a line through the hallways and up the stairs to the fourth floor, while Capt. McKenna of Engine No. 13 centred his attack on the front of the building from the fourth-floor fire-escape landing.

Roxbury's detail was chopping at a door and McKenna was about to signal for water to break in the front windows when the backdraught occurred. The nine from No. 30 got the full force of the wave of smoke and gas that shot out from masses of burning paper. They were thrown backward down the stairs, their line on top of them. All were bruised and shaken, but returned to the attack.

McKenna, clinging to the fire escape, acented trouble, and a second before the back draught let loose ordered a hasty retreat to the third floor landing, where the firemen beat their heads under the shower of live coals and broken glass.

The tender of Engine No. 13 was stationed in front of the building, and Deputy Chief Devanny soon had several lines "blameless" to the deck pipe on the driver's seat and a protective arch of water playing above McKenna and his crew, who immediately resigned their assault.

36 FAMILIES, SCANTILY GARBED, IN THE STREET.

Meanwhile Sgt. Kane had summoned the Macdougall street reserves. The fire was making headway and the policemen raced through the building at No. 207 Sullivan street, routing out twenty families, and at No. 215 Sullivan street driving sixteen families to the street, all scantily garbed.

Mildred Carloni, nine years old, later told Patrolman Richardson that her father, Tony, had been left in his room, helpless from pneumonia. Richardson wrapped the man in blankets and carried him to a nearby cafe.

The guests in the Mills Hotel were ordered back to their beds by the police after they had been aroused by the uproar. Fifty-five horses were led from Balochi Bros' trucking stables in the basement of the burning building. The fourth floor, the fifth floor, occupied by the Expert Laundry Company, and the roof were destroyed.

REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING.
BY BUYING GOODS AT THE
WORLD'S FAIR MARKET.

Choir Singer Who Turned Thief; Woman Who Foiled Him by Jiu Jitsu



MRS. ROSIE ROSE

ACTRESS AND HER PRESS AGENT LAND IN POLICE CELL

"Publicity" Stunt Proves a
Boomerang for Aspiring
Vaudeville Performer.

Joseph Flynn, press agent for a vaudeville theatre, and Dorothy Dale, who describes herself as an actress, spent quite a little time in cells in the West Side Police Court prison to-day in consequence of a successful attempt to attract attention in Long-acre Square. They called out about everything but the Fire Department.

Dorothy Dale is going to begin up-lifting the vaudeville stage next Monday. Flynn was commissioned to impress the debut of Miss Dale upon the public mind. He thought and thought and thought, and out of his thoughts evolved the idea of calling up all the newspapers and Police Headquarters at 11 o'clock to-day with the information that a woman had just shot and killed a man at Broadway and Forty-third street.

In a very short time Forty-third street and Broadway was the rally-ground for a small army of reporters and photographers and policemen and detectives. An ambulance arrived. Hundreds of curious citizens gathered in the snow and slush.

Miss Dale and Mr. Flynn, who had viewed the assemblage from a point of vantage nearby, suddenly made their appearance. And right out in front of all the reporters and detectives and policemen and photographers Miss Dale slapped Mr. Flynn a real hard blow on the rear elevation of his head.

"He insulted me," panted Miss Dale.

Well, they were arrested, but the policemen allowed them to ride to the police court in a taxicab. When they got to the courthouse, of course, Miss Dale refused to prosecute Flynn and Flynn refused to prosecute Miss Dale.

But Magistrate Nolan had been informed of the device by which a great crowd had been gathered. He ordered Assistant District Attorney to prepare a charge of disorderly conduct in wilfully causing a public disturbance. Bail was fixed at \$500 in each case and Flynn and his companion were sent to cells. This was

something they had not anticipated and there was considerable delay before they could get bail.

There is a law providing for the punishment of a person supplying false information to a newspaper. Whether this law will be enforced against the pair when they are arraigned for trial to-morrow is a question for future determination.

Rotterdam Towed Into Port.
QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Feb. 20.—The big Dutch oil tank steamship Rotterdam was towed into port here to-day by a tug and three steam trawlers. She lost her rudder in the Atlantic during a gale when eight days out from Amsterdam on the way to New York.

WORLD WANTS MORE WORDS.
Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British

VILLA DEFIES BRITISH DEMAND AND PUTS ENGLISHMAN TO DEATH

While Ambassador in Washington
Is Seeking Release of William S.
Benton He Is Tried by Court-
Martial and Shot in Juarez.

HAD GONE TO SEEK REDRESS
FOR RAIDS ON HIS PROPERTY

Texas Border Aflame for Vengeance
on Villa, Who Takes Flight to Chi-
huahua—Bryan Takes Up Case.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 20.—William S. Benton, the wealthy Englishman, owner of mines and ranches, who was taken prisoner by Gen. Francisco Villa last Tuesday, was put to death on Villa's order while the British Ambassador at Washington was demanding his release through Secretary of State Bryan. The affair has created a big sensation, as it is feared international complications may follow.

Benton was tried by court martial and found guilty of complicity in a plot to take Villa's life. He was executed by a firing squad Wednesday night.

CROSSES SEA TO MARRY AND HER MAN FAILS HER

Pretty Girl Hysterical Aboard Ship
When, She Sees Her Fiance
Is Not at Pier

Just after the steamship New York, in from Southampton, had docked to-day a pretty young woman aboard, blue-eyed and blonde-haired, began sobbing hysterically.

"Where is he?" she cried. "Oh, where is he? I came over to marry him and he was going to meet me at the pier, but he isn't here."

Representatives of the Travellers' Aid Society learned from her that she was Miss Elsie Halder, and that her home was in Manchester, England. For many years, she said, she had been in love with a young man of Manchester who was too poor to marry her.

Finally he decided to try his luck in the United States. That was three years ago. He did not get rich quickly here, but he saved a comfortable sum, she said, and sent for her.

"Why, he even forwarded the money for my passage," she explained. "He told me he would meet me at the pier."

Miss Halder refused to tell his name, saying he might have become confused as to the liner he was to meet and would finally call and claim her as his bride.

Takes Poison After Leaving Girl.
WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 20.—After his sweetheart, Catherine Larkin, had twice prevented him from taking poison Harry P. Lambert, aged twenty-three, kissed her good-by as they reached her home after a dance early to-day and turning took cyanide of potassium, from which he died while being rushed to a hospital. The pair had quarrelled.

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